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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: HADDAD'S FATE

1. WE NOTE THAT THERE ARE PRESISTENT REPORTS FROM BEIRUT THAT, AT SOME TIME IN NOT SO DISTANT FUTURE, HADDAD MAY BE TRIED FOR TREASON IN ABSTENTIA AND CONDEMNED TO DEATH. IF GOL DISPLAYS ITS USUAL SENSE OF TIMING, THIS WILL OCCUR AT PRECISE MOMENT WHEN LEBANESE BATTALION ARRIVES UNDER THE GUNS OF SHIDDIAC AT TIBNIN.

2. WE ACCEPT THE JUDGMENT THAT HADDAD WENT PAST THE PALE WHEN THE LEBANESE SOLDIER WAS KILLED A WEEK AGO, AND THAT THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY THAT HE COULD NOW BE

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REINSTATED INTO HIS POSITION IN THE LEBANESE ARMY. AT THE SAME TIME, IF HE IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH BY LEBANESE AUTHORITIES IN BEIRUT, WE CAN EXPECT THAT THE CHRISTIANS IN THE SOUTH WILL BE LOOKING FOR SOMEBODY TO TAKE THEIR ANGER OUT ON. IF THE LEBANESE BATTALION GETS TO TIBNIN, OR STAYS IN KAWKABA, IT WILL BE THE LOGICAL CANDIDATE. IF "PUTTING THE HADDAD PROBLEM ON ICE" MEANS ANYTHING, IT SHOULD MEAN

AVOIDING ANY AND ALL ACTIONS CONCERNING HADDAD UNTIL SUCH
TIME AS THE LAF IS SECURELY IN PLACE IN THE SOUTH AND
HAS BEEN THERE LONG ENOUGH TO GET THE LAY OF THE LAND.
HOPE BOTH AMBASSADOR PARKER AND APPROPRIATE UN OFFICIALS
CAN GET THIS POINT ACROSS TO THE GOL. LEWIS

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